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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/753,427	Applicant(s) HU ET AL. 	
	Examiner Nini F. Legesse	Art Unit 3711	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3,5-8 and 11-17 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 10 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's election without traverse of Species I directed to Fig. 1 in the reply filed on 09/08/04 is acknowledged. Applicant has indicated that claims 1, 2, 4, 9, and 10 read on Species I. Claims 3, 5-8, and 11-17 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 2, 4, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Halliburton (US Patent No. 5,401,030).

With respect to claims 1 and 4, Halliburton discloses a golf practice device comprising:

- A visible illuminant (column 2 line 15 states the use of a light-emitting diode) exposed outside a surface of the head with an upward angle (see Fig. 3); and
- A battery (13', 13") for providing electrical power to the illuminant; and
- A centrifugal switch (column 1, line 60) actuated by centrifugal force.

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Halliburton discloses the invention as recited in claim 1 but fails to teach wherein the switch is mounted on the surface of the club head opposite the striking face. Referring to Figs. 3-4 of the Halliburton's reference, we can see that the switch elements (29 and 31) and batteries (13' and 13") that are contained in device 6 are located towards the back of the striking face (column 2, lines 12-14 also state that the light emitter is disposed at the back side of the head in alignment with the sweet spot). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the Halliburton's device by locating the switch elements and the battery components on the surface of the head opposite the striking face in order to provide a device that is compact.

With respect to claim 2, Halliburton discloses an illuminant that is a LED (see column 4, line 50).

With respect to claim 9, Halliburton discloses wherein the centrifugal switch has an elastic control pole (moving contact 29 is considered an elastic control pole) and a fixed pole (fixed contact 31), wherein the control pole is movable along a direction of centrifugal force during swinging the golf club to contact with the fixed pole (refer to column 4 lines 28-39).

Allowable Subject Matter

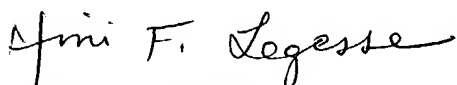
Claim 10 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nini F. Legesse whose telephone number is (703) 605-1233. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vidovich Greg can be reached on (703) 308-1513. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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